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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 1046

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: PINGS PINT ET

SUBJ: INCIDENTS IN NORTHERN ETHIOPIA

1. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF WHO SMALLPOX ERADICATION PROGRAM TOLD EMBOFF THAT WHO HELICOPTER DESTROYED BY GRENADE ON 23 JANUARY IN EAST CENTRAL JOJJAM PROVINCE IN MOUNTAINS DIRECTLY NORTH OF FINOTE SELAM. SOURCE, WHO WAS PRESENT DURING INCIDENT, SAID THAT "UNBALANCED" DEBTAR (LEARNED MAN), WHO THOUGHT THAT SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS WOULD TURN CHRISTIANS INTO MOLSEMS, THREW GRENADE INTO HELICPOTER WHILE IT WAS ON THE GROUND AND UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO SHOOT THE PILOT. THE HELICOPTER, HOWEVER, WAS DESTROYED.

2. SOURCE STATED THAT SMALLPOX VACCINATORS HAVE ENCOUNTERED NO  
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SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN GOJJAM OTHER THAN USUAL ROCK THROWING AND

HAVE ENCOUNTERED NO SHIFTAS (OUTLAWS). WHO HAS JUST FINISHED VACCINATIONS IN AREA WHERE GERMAN HIKER RECENTLY KILLED AND FOUND PEOPLE VERY COOPERATIVE.

3. MISSIONARY SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE WAS WARNED BY MISSIONARIES IN AREA NOT TO OVERFLY OR ATTEMPT UNSCHEDULED LANDINGS IN THE MANZ AREA IN NORTHERN SHOA WITHOUT NOTIFYING POLICE. ALLEGEDLY "DIRG" MEMBER CAME INTO AREA TO QUESTION MISSIONARIES, AND NATIVES INTERPRETED THIS AS SEEKING INFORMATION ON LAND REFORM, WHICH PEOPLE ADAMENTLY OPPOSE. SOURCE FURTHER STATED THAT THERE ARE MANY ARMED BANDS OF UP TO 400 PEOPLE EACH, OPPOSING "DIRG" IN THAT AREA. SOURCE STATED THAT MISSIONARIES WORKING IN AREA TOLD HIM THAT MAZIS WOULD HAVE TO BE KILLED BEFORE LAND REFORM COULD BE EFFECTED IN MANZ.

4. USUALLY RELIABLE COLLEAGUE REPORTED THAT AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL WOUNDED BY GUNFIRE WHEN SHIFTAS STOPPED BUS BETWEEN GONDAR AND METEMA IN BEGEMDIR PROVINCE ON JANUARY 27.  
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